

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1967

Introduced by Assembly Member Zettel

February 14, 2002

An act to add Section 6609.15 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to sexually violent predators.

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AB 1967, as introduced, Zettel. Sexually violent predators: notification of change in status.

Existing law defines a “sexually violent predator” as a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against 2 or more victims, and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others in that it is likely that he or she will engage in sexually violent criminal behavior.

Existing law establishes various procedures, including evaluations, probable cause hearings, show cause hearings, and trials, any of which could result in a change in the person’s status.

This bill would require that whenever a person’s status as a sexually violent predator could change as a result of actions by the State Department of Mental Health or the superior court having jurisdiction, the department would be required to notify the victim or victims of the person, if those victims have requested notification, and specified entities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6609.15 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 6609.15. Whenever a person's status as a sexually violent
4 predator could change as a result of actions by the State
5 Department of Mental Health or the superior court having
6 jurisdiction pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 6601, the
7 department shall notify both of the following:
8 (a) The victim or victims of the person who have requested
9 notification pursuant to Section 679.03 or 3058.8 of the Penal
10 Code.
11 (b) Those entities entitled to receive notice pursuant to
12 subdivision (a) of Section 6609.1.

